

Montauk (Governor William Larrabee House)
U.S. Rte. 18, one mile NE of Clermont
Clermont Vicinity
Fayette County
Iowa

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE IOWA	COUNTY FAYETTE	TOWN OR VICINITY CLERMONT VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MONTAUK		HABS NO. IA-66
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Governor William Larrabee House.		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) U.S. Rte. 18, one mile NE of Clermont		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1874	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Edward Townsend Mix, architect	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This fine example of an Italianate style house was built for William Larrabee, governor of Iowa, 1886-96, and nationally prominent crusader against railroad rate abuses.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate style		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Laid on a dolomite foundation, the dwelling is built of red brick with wood and stone trim.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The two-and-a-half story structure measures 40' (three-bay front) x 60' (four bays), with a hipped roof with balustraded deck.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A projecting entrance pavilion with a one-story wooden columnar porch is capped by a gable roof with a return cornice. The wide eaves are supported with wooden brackets extending from the cornice. Attic windows in the frieze are rectangular and symmetrically spaced. The walls and corners are articulated by pilasters.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent, historic house museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Most outbuildings are extant.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I., <u>The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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